



Religious Education subject intent:

- To develop children's curiosity, knowledge and experience of others' beliefs, values and religious practices
- For children to have opportunities to reflect, develop and discuss their own beliefs with others and how they can apply lessons to their own life
- Embed British values and appreciations of other cultures and beliefs

How we support the needs of *our* children through teaching RE:

- **Experiential learning** – For children to learn about religions through visitors, trips and artefacts. The lessons will happen every other term in all year groups as well as through assemblies.
- **Social skills** – Children will learn how to reflect upon their own beliefs and participate in discussions.
- **Self-esteem** - Children will be taught that all opinions are valid and that their voice matters.
- **Resilience** - Children will have opportunities to express their learning in different ways to ensure they aren't limited by their writing ability.
- **Cultural understanding** – During RE lessons, children will learn about different religious practices.
- **General knowledge** – We will teach children knowledge about a variety of religions. The progression document shows how knowledge and vocabulary builds over time.
- **Oracy skills** – We will teach children to listen to and build on others' ideas through sentence stems

How do we teach RE at Nova Primary?

We follow an enquiry approach to teaching RE to help us develop children's curiosity about others' beliefs, values and religions. We use the South Gloucestershire RE enquiry scheme of work as the basis of our lessons.

In the Early Years, RE is explored through adult led and child initiated play based on the EYFS Framework 2021 and the children's interests. Through the themes in the long term plans, the children investigate Christmas, Diwali, Easter, Ramadan and Eid and begin developing their curiosity and understanding of the world around them as well as experience things such as tasting food from different cultures and sharing family celebrations.

Each child in KS1 and 2 takes part in weekly RE lessons every other term. During these lessons, children gain knowledge of religions and practices and discuss how the ideas could apply to their own lives.

All children from Year 1 have RE enquiry books where they record their individual learning. These books follow children through the school. High expectations of presentation should be seen in all RE books, including spelling and handwriting.

Sentence stems are used in all RE lessons to support children in expressing their opinions and in aiding discussion with others.

How do we assess RE at Nova Primary?

After the subject knowledge is taught and discussed, the final lesson in the sequence of lessons asks the children to reflect on how the learning can be applied to their life. This is recorded in their individual RE books.

Each term, pupils' subject knowledge is built upon and reinforced. To facilitate this, each lesson is preceded by a quick quiz: written in KS2 and oral in KS1. At the end of each term, there is a written quiz to test the pupils' recall of knowledge from the term's and previous year's learning.